



# Alaska Board of Massage Therapists - February 2022 Regular Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Feb 17, 2022 at 9:00 AM AKST

@ State Office Building, Juneau, Alaska

## **Attendance**

### **Members Present (Remote):**

Dave Edwards-Smith, Julie Endle, Jill Motz, Kristin Tri

### **Guests Present (Remote):**

Reid Bowman, Sara Chambers, Kim Copinga, Melissa Dumas, Beth Fletcher, Traci Gilmore, Genora Rogers

#### 1. Roll Call

 [calendar2022-holiday.pdf](#)

 [MAS 02.2022 board roster.pdf](#)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Edwards-Smith.

Chair Edwards-Smith called for Licensing and Records Supervisor Reid Bowman to initiate a roll call of board members. A quorum was established.

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### **Members Present:**

Dave Edwards-Smith, Julie Endle, Jill Motz, Kristin Tri

#### 2. Review/Approve Agenda

 [Alaska Board of Massage Therapists - February 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda\(1\).pdf](#)

Chair Edwards-Smith asked the board for any amendments to the agenda. Amendments were requested to delay item 5a to a later time and to include item 5d regarding SB21 military temporary licensing.

### **Motion:**

RESOLVED to APPROVE the agenda as amended.

Motion moved by Julie Endle and motion seconded by Jill Motz. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

9:10 Break

9:20 Board Meeting Reconvenes

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#### 3. Ethics Review/Disclosure

 [Ethics Disclosure.pdf](#)

The Chair asked if there were any ethics issues to report. All board members responded there were not.

#### 4. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by the following presenters: Yes Hernandez, Beth Fletcher, Traci Gilmour, Lara McGinnis and Genora Rogers

#### 5. Potential Action Items

##### A. Review Application Guide Sheet

 [Board Application Review Guide.docx](#)

Chair Edwards-Smith presented a draft board application review guide that he prepared for board review. This document was intended to expedite and clarify the boards review of applications. The board requested that it was uploaded as a resource in Onboard.

##### B. Reinstatement/Renewal Fees

 [License Reinstatement.docx](#)

The board had discussion regarding problems associated with the current regulation that requires all applicants to complete continuing education prior to the end of the concluding licensing period. Chair Edwards-Smith spoke to the fact that the current regulation is punitive to applicants who reinstate a lapsed license. The discussion resulted in a clarification of the intent for an applicant to meet continued education requirements by the time of the submission of a renewal application, and the need for a regulation change to meet that intent.

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to AMEND 12.AAC 79.200 (b)2 to the following: Proof satisfactory to the board of completion of all continuing education required by 12 AAC 79.210, CEU's must be completed between the beginning of the prior license period and the time of application.

Motion moved by Jill Motz and motion seconded by Julie Endle. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

C. Pre-flight applications

 [Application Review Moral Turpitude.pdf](#)

Records and Licensing Supervisor (RLS) Bowman presented that three applications from Alaska Career College (ACC) have been received in which ACC is asking for moral turpitude clearance prior to accepting them as students. RLS Bowman asked how the board wants to deal with incomplete applications. Chair Edwards-Smith posed the question of whether the board has the legal ability to review applications prior to the receipt of a complete background check, and whether they were willing to consider doing so. The board had discussion regarding the additional work load on staff and additional costs to the massage therapy program. Board discussion also included concerns of potential recusing and voting issues with multiple reviews of an application. The board discussed their position and did not take action on the question.

D. Regulations project to simplify massage school requirements

 [MAS-0222 \(Draft\).pdf](#)

The board discussed the draft regulations project for massage school education requirements which resulted in an intent to amend the draft regulation. The summary of the discussion was the boards intention to provide a path to licensure for applicants whose education exceeds the maximum of 20 percent in practical application, or did not attend an approved massage school, or attended a program that is an exception from licensure per AS 08.61.080.

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to AMEND the regulations project draft of 12 AAC.79.140 presented by regulations specialist Maiquis to include: (d) if the applicant did not attend an approved massage school and attended a program that is an exception from

massage therapy licensure; then the following criteria apply to obtaining a license (add existing 12 AAC 190 140 (b) (1-6) back)

Motion moved by Jill Motz and motion seconded by Kristin Tri. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

6. Application Review

A. K.C.

 [MAS - Kim Copinga - 185285 - Application by Credentials.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to APPROVE the application for Kim Copinga PENDING the completion of remedial hours of 50 hours in ethics and law, 58 hours in clinical practice, 11 hours of anatomy physiology and kinesiology or additional information that is evidence of education requirements.

Motion moved by Jill Motz and motion seconded by Kristin Tri. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

B. B.F.

 [Pages from Beth Fletcher # 169924 - Exam.pdf](#)

 [SD #144937 Redacted.pdf](#)

The board has approved the application for licensure of applicant Beth Fletcher based on the case precedent established in a previous application . The board clarified that the board action of the license was pending the completion of 225 hours in Massage theory and practical application and 88 hours in clinical practice.

C. T.M.

 [MAS - Tyler Manchester - 182070 - Application by credentials.pdf](#)

Board member Motz reviewed the application and moved to table the application for Tyler Manchester for further clarification regarding information on his Hawaii verification of license.

D. K.R.

 [MAS - Karaline Ragula - 114008 - Reinstatement application with CE \(taken after period\)..pdf](#)

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to APPROVE the application for Karaline Ragula PENDING a consent agreement regarding 2 CEU's that were completed out of the date range of renewal.

Motion moved by Kristin Tri and motion seconded by Julie Endle. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

7. Administrative Business

A. Election of Chair and Co-Chair

Chair Edwards-Smith's board term will expire in June of 2022. The board discussed that a new chair will need to be elected. The board discussed that with two open board seats and potential new board member with no experience that Board member Motz would serve well as chair temporarily until the board seats are filled and the new board members have completed introductory training.

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to ELECT Jill Motz to fulfill the role as Chair of the Board of Massage Therapists

Motion moved by Julie Endle and motion seconded by Kristin Tri. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

B. Review/ Approve Minutes

 [MASminutes 2021 12.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the December 2021 minutes as presented.

Motion moved by Julie Endle and motion seconded by Dave Edwards-Smith. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

C. Review Previous Task List

Frequently asked questions review has been determined to be a shared project with Kristen Tri and Jill Motz.

D. Correspondence

 [Acceptable Modality for continuing education.pdf](#)

 [Covid recommendations.pdf](#)

The board reviewed and determined that the practice of Yomassage is an acceptable modality considering that a student is required to a licensed massage therapist.

The board did not have any guidance regarding the question of hydroculators and referred to the boards code of ethics and practice.

E. FSMTB Membership

The board discussed the value of maintaining membership in the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB).

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to APPROVE the maintenance of the FSMTB membership.

Motion moved by Dave Edwards-Smith and motion seconded by Kristin Tri. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

8. SB 21 Regulations Progress

 [SB0021Z.PDF](#)

 [VET Temp military courtesy license DRAFT 1-4-22 \(1\).pdf](#)

 [SB21 Feb MAS Meeting.docx](#)

The board discussed the development of regulations for compliance with SB21 that will result in temporary military courtesy licenses to practice as massage therapists. The board determined that this regulation would include licensing requirements that are substantially equal to that of licensing by credentials.

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to BEGIN a regulations project for compliance with Senate Bill 21 with the following language:

the applicant hold a current license or certificate in another state, district, or territory of the Unites States, or that is recognized by the Unites States, including a branch of the armed forces of the United States, with requirements that the department or appropriate board determines are substantially equivalent to those established under this title for that occupation. Applicants are required to;

1. Submit a fingerprint card

2. 600 - 625 hours of approved massage school education (20% hands on)
3. Complete application with fees
4. Proof of unencumbered license in another jurisdiction
5. 6 month duration (with an option to extend for an additional 3 months)

Motion moved by Jill Motz and motion seconded by Julie Endle. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

9. Lunch

Chair Motz called a break for Lunch at 12:15

Chair Motz called the meeting to order at 12:45

10. Division Update

 [FY22 2nd Qtr MAS.pdf](#)

 [CBPL Legislative Guidance BOARD 2022.pdf](#)

The division update was presented to the board by Director Chambers who covered the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2022 financial report, and answered board questions about that report.

11. Investigations

 [MAS 12 AAC 79 Reinstatement.pdf](#)

 [MAS - Executive session motion.pdf](#)

 [MAS CA sample language.pdf](#)

A. Investigative Report

Investigator Summers presented the Investigation report and answered relevant board questions about case dispositions.

B. CE Audits

**Motion:**

RESOLVED The Alaska State Board of massage therapist MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with AS.44.62.31 (c) and Alaska constitutional right to privacy provision for the purpose of discussing subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion.

Motion moved by Julie Endle and motion seconded by Kristin Tri. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

The board went off the record into executive session at 1:30 p.m. and returned to the record at 1:41 p.m.

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to APPROVE the consent agreement for Tammy Tinua

Motion moved by Dave Edwards-Smith and motion seconded by Julie Endle. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to APPROVE the consent agreement for Marcia Eskridge - 2021001056

Motion moved by Dave Edwards-Smith and motion seconded by Julie Endle. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

12. Mandatory Audit Clarification

Paralegal Marilyn Zimmerman clarified that a mandatory audit does not prevent a licensee from practicing while the audit is being cleared as long as the license has not lapsed.

13. Adjourn

**Motion:**

RESOLVED to ADJOURN at 4:19

Motion moved by Dave Edwards-Smith and motion seconded by Julie Endle. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call.

Respectfully Submitted: David Edwards-Smith  
*Occupational Licensing Examiner*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Motz, Chairperson  
Board of Massage Therapists

Date: \_\_\_\_\_